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V.F.W. Post Hears Attack On 'Blunders' Woodell Scores MacArthur Recall

W. I. Woodell, Department Adjutant Quartermaster, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a resident of Staunton, complimented the officers and members on the accomplishments of Post 1033, V.F.W. at the annual banquet Friday evening. The banquet was held at a local restaurant near Covington.

Woodell deplored the manner in which the United States handled the Korean War, and said that it was a great blunder to have recalled General MacArthur. He further stated that the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States has made a mess out of the Cuban situation and should be called, "Central Ignorance Agency." He termed Castro as a fiend and a menace to this country. "Cuba is a Russian Stronghold," Woodell said.

Touching on the national debt, Woodell said that it would take the savings accounts of every man, woman and child as well as organizations in this country to wipe out this financial burden. He said it is the duty and privilege of Americans to pay taxes, but the money is being wasted and not being put to its proper use. He gave as an example, the United States tax dollars going to Ethiopia in which he said they were for the Emperor Haile Sellasie.

"I speak freely because it is our God given right to do so, and it is guaranteed by the constitution," Woodell emphasized.

The speaker was introduced by K. L. Bryant, Post Commander.

Gold Star Mothers present at

the dinner were Mrs. Harry Armbrout, Mrs. John Leffel, Mrs. V. M. Cale, Mrs. Maurice Gorton, Mrs. Aaron Craft, Mrs. C. W. Fridley, Mrs. William Greig, Mrs. Gertrude Hatcher, Mrs. Minnie Luger, Mrs. J. C. Mack, Mrs. Ethel Sprouse and Mrs. Frank Terry.

Special guests recognized by the Post Commander were Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Key, Mr. and Mrs. N. Y. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Beirne III, and Bernard Strauss.

Special recognition was given to the Scrapbook of Post 1033 which was prepared by Mrs. Helen Fleshman and included pictures and articles pertaining to activities of the V.F.W.

Mrs. Hestia Clark, V.F.W. Auxiliary, a resident of Low Moor spoke briefly at the dinner, also H. T. Pigg of Covington Community Service Chairman of the State of Virginia for the V.F.W. and Wallace Hanger of Roanoke Department Service Officer of the Veterans Administration.

Mrs. George Brinkley, president of V.F.W. Auxiliary, introduced the officers of the auxiliary.

The invocation and the benediction were given by Lloyd P. Singer, Chaplain, Department of Virginia V.F.W.

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